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Their Use For The Controlled  
Release Of Active Agents

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

-- 16. A microparticle for controlled active-substance release comprising at least one active substance and at least one thermoplastic cycloolefin copolymer. --

See Appendix for marked-up version of claim 16.

REMARKS

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendment and following remarks. Support for amended claim 16 can be found in the specification at

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